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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of: Robert Wieber

Application No.: 10/606,602

Filed: 06/26/2003

For: ATTACHMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME

Group No.: 3612

Examiner: Kiran B. Patel

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM							\$ 0.00	=	\$	0.00
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									ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

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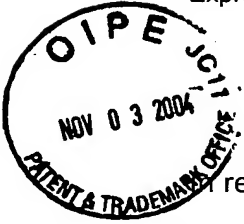
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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION PRIOR TO APPEAL

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the Remarks and Conclusions below.